Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Any claims that have been canceled are to be considered canceled without prejudice as to their resubmission:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) A parison pinching system for attaching to first and second mold halves, each mold half having first and second cavities, the system comprising:

a first pinch bar for attaching to the first cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a first pinch bar for attaching to the second cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a second pinch bar for attaching to the first cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface; and

a second pinch bar for attaching to the second cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface,

wherein the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half and

the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and

the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and

wherein each of the protrusions further comprises: a first side surface; a second side surface; and a flat surface that intersects the first and second side surfaces

wherein each flat surface is substantially parallel to an inner mold face of each pinch bar's respective mold half.

4. (Previously presented) A parison pinching system for attaching to first and second mold halves, each mold half having first and second cavities, the system comprising:

a first pinch bar for attaching to the first cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a first pinch bar for attaching to the second cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a second pinch bar for attaching to the first cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface; and

a second pinch bar for attaching to the second cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface,

wherein the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half and

the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and

the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and

wherein each of the protrusions further comprises: a first side surface; a second side surface; and a flat surface that intersects the first and second side surfaces, and

wherein each flat surface is substantially coplanar to or extends beyond an inner mold face of each pinch bar's respective mold half.

5. (Previously presented) A parison pinching system for attaching to first and second mold halves, each mold half having first and second cavities, the system comprising:

a first pinch bar for attaching to the first cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a first pinch bar for attaching to the second cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a second pinch bar for attaching to the first cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface; and

a second pinch bar for attaching to the second cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface,

wherein the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half and

the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and

the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and

wherein each of the protrusions further comprises: a first side surface; a second side surface; and a flat surface that intersects the first and second side surfaces, and

wherein a cross-section of each of the protrusions is a truncated triangle.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) A parison pinching system for attaching to first and second mold halves, each mold half having first and second cavities, the system comprising:

a first pinch bar for attaching to the first cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a first pinch bar for attaching to the second cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a second pinch bar for attaching to the first cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface; and

a second pinch bar for attaching to the second cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface,

wherein the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half and

the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and

the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and

wherein the system is a component of a dual parison pinching system.

Claims 8-9 (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) A parison pinching system for attaching to first and second mold halves, each mold half having first and second cavities, the system comprising:

a first pinch bar for attaching to the first cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a first pinch bar for attaching to the second cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a second pinch bar for attaching to the first cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface; and

a second pinch bar for attaching to the second cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface,

wherein the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half and

the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and

the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and

wherein each of the protrusions further comprises: a first side surface; a second side surface; and a flat surface that intersects the first and second side surfaces, and wherein the flat surface has a width of about 0.008-0.010 inches.

11. (Original) The parison pinching system of claim 10, wherein the flat surface has a width of about 0.009 inches.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a mold having first and second halves;

a first pinch bar attached to the first cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a first pinch bar attached to the second cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a second pinch bar attached to the first cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface; and

a second pinch bar attached to the second cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface,

wherein the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close,

wherein each of the protrusions further comprises: a first side surface; a second side surface; and a flat surface that intersects the first and second side surfaces; and

wherein each flat surface is substantially parallel to an inner mold face of each pinch bar's respective mold half.

15. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a mold having first and second halves;

a first pinch bar attached to the first cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a first pinch bar attached to the second cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a second pinch bar attached to the first cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface; and

a second pinch bar attached to the second cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface,

wherein the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close,

wherein each of the protrusions further comprises: a first side surface; a second side surface; and a flat surface that intersects the first and second side surfaces; and

wherein each flat surface is substantially coplanar to or extends beyond an inner mold face of each pinch bar's respective mold half.

16. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a mold having first and second halves;

a first pinch bar attached to the first cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a first pinch bar attached to the second cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a second pinch bar attached to the first cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface; and

a second pinch bar attached to the second cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface,

wherein the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close,

wherein each of the protrusions further comprises: a first side surface; a second side surface; and a flat surface that intersects the first and second side surfaces, and

wherein a cross-section of each of the protrusions is a truncated triangle.

17 (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a mold having first and second halves;

a first pinch bar attached to the first cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a first pinch bar attached to the second cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a second pinch bar attached to the first cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface; and

a second pinch bar attached to the second cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface,

wherein the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close; and

wherein the mold is a dual-parison mold.

Claims 19-20 (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a mold having first and second halves;

a first pinch bar attached to the first cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a first pinch bar attached to the second cavity of the first mold half, the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface;

a second pinch bar attached to the first cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface; and

a second pinch bar attached to the second cavity of the second mold half, the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half having a surface and a protrusion that extends from the surface,

wherein the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the first cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the first cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close, and the protrusion of the first pinch bar of the second cavity of the first mold half and the protrusion of the second pinch bar of the second cavity of the second mold half are positioned for pinching a parison when the first and second mold halves close,

wherein each of the protrusions further comprises: a first side surface; a second side surface; and a flat surface that intersects the first and second side surfaces; and

wherein the flat surface has a width of about 0.008-0.010 inches.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the flat surface has a width of about 0.009 inches.

Claims 23-25 (Canceled)